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Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

R. SHAWN CHILDRESS, MICHELLE A. FILIPKOWSKI and CURTIS L. SCHILLING, Jr. declare and say that they:

- 1. are the inventors of the above-identified application;
- 2. reduced to practice, prior to August 20, 1999, the earliest effective filing date of U.S. Patent 6,197,912, the invention embodied by the claims of the present application;
- 3. evidence of reduction to practice is embodied by laboratory notebook pages, attached herewith as Exhibit A, which are incorporated in the present application as working Examples 1 and 2. These laboratory notebook pages were prepared by Beth Raper, a laboratory technician who performed the experiments under our supervision. The dates of the laboratory notebook pages have been reducted but are earlier than August 20, 1999;

5. all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Further declarants sayeth not.

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